

CHURCH IN REGINA

1 Cor. 14:10 But all things must be done becomingly and in order.

HWMR Week 4—The Factor of Authority in the Body of Christ and in the Local Churches

Practicing the Church Life By Submitting to the Headship of the Lord

The headship of the Lord is the authority in the church. If we want to practice the church life, we have to **learn the lesson** of **always submitting ourselves to the headship of the Lord**. The Lord is the Head, and we are all members under His headship. If our relationship is wrong with the Head, we will be wrong with the Body, and to be sure, we will be wrong with the other members. It is when we are right with the Head that we are right with all the members and with the Body. If we are not under the headship, we have no ground to say anything to the brothers and sisters in an adjusting way. If we want to say something to them, we must submit ourselves under the headship of the Lord. To not submit to the headship of the Lord and yet say something to the brothers and sisters simply means that we are rebellious. We are rebellious to the Lord and rebellious to the Body, the church...

We must realize that if we are going to practice **the real church life**, we must **submit ourselves under the headship of Christ**. When we are about to say something to the brothers and sisters, we must first test and check whether we are currently under the headship of Christ. If we are not, we should stop. If we are not under the headship, and we say something about the church, we are speaking in a rebellious way. No matter how nice our attitude is, it is false and hypocritical. Our **real need** is to submit ourselves under the headship of Christ. If we are under the headship of Christ, we will have a pure motive and a right attitude, even if we speak very frankly. But if we are not under the headship of Christ and simply pretend to be nice, we are being political; we are playing politics among the saints.

We must be sincere, open, and frank. Of course, we must also be polite and nice, but we should not pretend. **A person who is under the headship of Christ is true, real, and sincere**. We may open our heart to a brother to speak something in a serious and frank way, even with heavy words, but if we are submitting ourselves under the headship of the Lord, the Holy Spirit within the brother's spirit will testify that our motive is pure and our attitude is right. But on the contrary, if we are not under the headship of the Lord and come to a brother, pretending that we are so good and spiritual, we are playing politics and are a hypocrite among the saints. In this case, the Holy Spirit cannot testify for us. The church has been constantly damaged by these political maneuvers. We must have no political maneuvers. All of us...must submit ourselves under the headship.

When the people of Israel rebelled, Moses and Aaron did not play politics and they did not maneuver. They simply knelt and bowed down before the Lord, taking the Lord as the Head, realizing His headship, and letting Him come in. What they said after that, they said in a frank, open, and straight way. This is the right way to realize the headship, the lordship, of Christ as the authority in the church. We do not have a pope among us as the Catholic Church does,

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

October International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

October 8-10, 2021

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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On the cross the Lord
Jesus flowed out
water from His body,
to release His divine
life for the producing
of the church.

to whom all believers must submit. To exercise authority in this way is devilish; it is from Hades and not from the New Jerusalem. Rather, we all must realize the headship of Christ. The best way to glorify Christ and honor the Lord is to take Him as the Head, praying, "Lord, You are the Head. I take You as the Head, and I speak and act in a genuine way. I am under Your headship."

Realizing the Headship of Christ

The order in the church comes from the headship of Christ being realized by us in a **practical way**. If each of us submits ourselves to the headship of Christ and takes His lordship in a real way, there will be no problem. There will be no argument; rather, a nice, spiritual order will spontaneously come into being among us. We will get nowhere by doctrines, teachings, and arguments. We can argue everyday until the Lord comes back, but we will not solve the problems. However, if **each one of us** would submit to the headship of Christ and pray, "Lord, You are the Head, and I realize Your headship in my life in a practical way," every problem will be solved. **Problems are solved not by doctrine or by teaching but by realizing the headship of Christ.**

...Do you realize that there is a rebellious nature within us? There is an element, an essence, within us that is always rebelling. **The problem in the church is one of rebellion; no one likes to submit to others.** This damages and spoils the church life... If we are going to practice the church life with sincerity, we must submit ourselves to the headship of Christ and realize the headship of the Lord. Otherwise, there is no way for us to practice the real church life. We can come together all the time, but we will not have the reality of the church life. We will only be false, just pretending and presuming; we will not be real. **To have the real church life, we need to submit.** We should not try to submit to others; we should simply submit to the headship of Christ. Then we will be right in the order in the church. This is not an issue between us and others; it is an issue between us and the Head. If there is a problem between brothers or sisters, that means there is a problem between us and Christ the Head. To be sure, **if we are right with the Head, we will be right with others.** It is possible for us to realize the real church life only when we realize the headship of the Lord in a practical way.

We are not going to organize something among the Christians, and we have no intention to set up a church of another kind. No, that is something fallen; that is not the Lord's recovery. Rather, we are very burdened that in **these last days the Lord will recover a real church life** among His children to express Christ and to bring the coming kingdom of God. **There is a great need of the real church life.** The real church life requires that we know how to exercise ourselves to apply Christ as our life and realize His headship among us. **We live by Him, and we live under Him.** He is our life, and He is our Head. This is the only way for us to practice the real church life, and this is the only way for all the problems to be solved.

None of the problems are solved by discussion or argument. The history of the church proves that arguments never get us anywhere. In fact, the more we argue, the more trouble and problems we have. Let us submit ourselves to the headship of Christ. We need to practice to take the Lord as the Head and to realize His headship among us in a practical way. If we are going to argue with a brother, we must first check with ourselves and ask, "Am I under the headship of Christ?" If we check in this way, our argument will be gone. **The headship of the Lord is the answer to our arguments.**

Let us see clearly that in the church there is the need of a spiritual order, and this order comes only from the headship of Christ being realized by us in a practical way. Without this, there is no possibility for us to practice the real church life. We look to the Lord for this matter. This is very basic and very vital. If we have this, we have the church life. If we do not have this, the church life is gone.

(Excerpts from The Basic Principles for the Practice of the Church Life, Chapter 3).

Announcements:

1. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting on August 29 at Bro. Joseph Miranda's place.
2. 2021 Calgary YP Fall Conference online on September 17-19.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we praise You for all that You accomplished – You became a man through incarnation and You fulfilled God's purpose and defeated the enemy through Your crucifixion. Grant us heavenly light, vision, and revelation to see Your established, universal headship.
2. Lord, You are the Head, and we are simply members of Your body. We seek Your leading in all things. Have mercy on us to see this truth and to practice coming to You directly.
3. Lord, we want to practice the proper church life by submitting ourselves to Your headship. Make our relationship right with You so we can have a right relationship with the Body.
4. The church is not our own but of the saints, of Christ, and of God. May we be those who know how to take care of Your flock as shepherds and may we all learn to submit to the authority You placed us under.
5. Keep us open to Your administration that dispenses Yourself into us as life, life supply and grace. We want to remain under Your throne where grace as the river of life is flowing. May we exercise proper authority by living You out.
6. Lord, we give ourselves to You and to Your throne – depending completely on Your authority and the fellowship in Body. Thank You for the flowing water of life proceeding out of Your throne. Have Your way in us, fully submitting to You.

Other Burdens:

1. UK and Ireland online blending conference on August 28 to 29, 2021.
2. FTTA Middle-Age Training commencing on August 30, 2021.

Church in Regina:

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day.
2. Strengthen and preserve our families. Lord, we thank You for calling us up to the mountain and into Your presence. Gain our true worship by beholding You, feasting and drinking You and with You. We do not want to be those who cannot be found. May we all be those who stay with You under Your glory.
3. Pray for our college students for this upcoming Fall Term. May they be channels of life and seeds of the gospel in their campuses—Brothers Vincent, Eric, Christian, Guytan and Sisters Priscilla, Gillian and Mika.
4. Pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
5. Pray for Sis. Estela Miranda's recovery from shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Grant her a full recovery as soon as possible.
6. Pray for Bro. Dindo Ballao's health and continuing recovery. Preserve the whole family as they settle here in Regina for Your testimony.
7. Pray for Bro. George Chua's recovery from bypass surgery. Remember him, Lord. May his sickness be Your way to reveal Yourself to him. Grant him repentance and full recovery. Strengthen Sister Venus and their whole family during this time.